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Don't forget to order your candy
so it is here in time for Halloween!!!



Halloween's

origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in the

area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated



with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort and direction during the long, dark winter. To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes. When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter. By A.D. 43, Romans had conquered the majority of Celtic territory. In the course of the four hundred years that they ruled the Celtic lands, two festivals of Roman origin were combined with the traditional Celtic celebration of Samhain. The first was Feralia, a day in late October when the Romans traditionally commemorated the passing of the dead. The second was a day to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona is the apple and the incorporation of this celebration into Samhain probably explains the tradition of "bobbing" for apples that is practiced today on Halloween. By the 800s, the influence of Christianity had spread into Celtic lands. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated November 1 All Saints' Day, a time to honor saints and martyrs. It is widely believed today that the pope was attempting to replace the Celtic festival of the dead with a related, but church-sanctioned holiday. The celebration was also called All-hallows or All-hallowmas (from Middle English Alhallowmesse meaning All Saints' Day) and the night before it, the night of Samhain, began to be called All-hallows Eve and, eventually, Halloween. Even later, in A.D. 1000, the church would make November 2 All Souls' Day, a day to honor the dead. It was celebrated similarly to Samhain, with big bonfires, parades, and dressing up in costumes as saints, angels, and devils. Together, the three celebrations, the eve of All Saints', All Saints', and All Souls', were called Hallowmas.

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oddsinaddis@gmail.com Odds and Sods in Addis Ababa - An email listserv that gives updated listings of classifieds, inquiries, etc... for the expat community. Email them to be placed on the list.

boleplaygroup@gmail.com Playgroup in Bole area - Every Thursday, there is a baby/toddler group in the bole area. Mornings are for the youngest babies and toddlers. The afternoons are dedicated for the older toddlers. Email then to be placed on the listings and schedule.

<http://groups.google.com/group/addis-diplo-list?hl=en> Addis Ababa Diplomat Google group - Sort of like a craigslist for diplomats here in Addis Ababa. Join the group by using a google account.

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Domestic Help

Getawchew, our substitute day guard, is seeking a full-time position. Getawchew speaks good English and is very reliable. He has a degree in horticulture and has done excellent work with our yard. He also has completed his Embassy security clearance. Contact him directly at 0913230084 or through me (Warren x6756).

WANTED! In need of a driver and a weekend day guard/gardener. Preferably a driver with their own car. We also need a day guard/ gardener will work Saturday and Sunday only! Please contact Carolyn at 0923790176

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FSN-05/ COB: Sept. 20, 2011

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